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SUBJECT: MACOVESCU VISIT

1. FOLLOWING EXCHANGE ON MACOVESCU VISIT TO WASHINGTON TOOK
PLACE AT NOVEMBER 28 DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING.

2. BEGIN TEXT: Q: MR CARTER, IN SECRETARY VANCE'S MEETING
WITH THE ROMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER LAST WEEKEND, WAS ANY
SUBJECT ON ASIA, I MEAN QUESTION OF CHINA, THE QUESTION OF
JAPAN OR THE QUESTION OF KOREA DISCUSSED?

A: I DON'T WANT TO SAY NO BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW. IT IS NOT
ON THE LIST OF SUBJECTS THAT I WAS GIVEN. THAT DOES NOT
MEAN IT DIDN'T ARISE. I WILL SEE WHETHER IT AROSE AND TAKE
IT FOR YOU.

Q: WHAT WAS THE POINT OF THAT MEETING?

A: THE POINT WAS TO DISCUSS BOTH A NUMBER, HENRY, OF BI-
LATERAL MATTERS WHICH WERE OF SOME INTEREST TO BOTH PARTIES,
ALSO TO DISCUSS THE MIDDLE EASTERN SITUATION. THOSE
WERE THE TWO MAJOR AREAS OF CONVERSATION.

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Q: HAS ROMANIA BEEN WORKING WITH THE UNITED STATES AS A
MIDDLEMAN BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES IN THE MIDDLE EAST?

A. I DON'T THINK THAT I WOULD CHARACTERIZE IT IN THAT WAY.
I WOULD SAY, HOWEVER, THAT ROMANIA, OBVIOUSLY, HAS BEEN AN
INTERESTED PARTY IN THE DISCUSSIONS. END TEXT. VANCE

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